

## ASK ALUMNI ABOUT JUNE STUNT WEEK

W. M. Regan Writes of Proposed Plan in Missouri Alumnus.

## NO SENIOR EXAMS

Would Make Commencement Exercises Typically Missourian.

An appeal to the alumni of the University for an expression of opinion in regard to the proposed stunt week in June has been made by W. M. Regan. Here is his announcement of the plan as it was printed in the last issue of the Missouri Alumnus:

A Stunt Week is the latest innovation planned at the University. The purpose of the Stunt Week is primarily to improve our commencement exercises. Every graduate of the University is struck by the inadequacy of the exercises as they now are. Probably the most uninteresting week of a man's entire college career is commencement week, and commencement exercises can only be improved by the introduction of something that is typical of Missouri. If there is anything that is typical of Missouri it is the stunts. With this in view arrangements are being made to hold all the stunts during commencement week.

**President Hill Approves Change.**  
The faculty is now considering a plan whereby the commencement exercises will be held during the week preceding examinations. President Ross Hill and Dean F. B. Mumford of the College of Agriculture have expressed themselves as being heartily in favor of the proposed plan.

The students are also cooperating. Alpha Phi Sigma, the society of senior men, has voted to hold the girls' annual May Day stunt commencement week. The Agricultural Club has decided to give the Farmers' Fair at this time. No definite action has been taken by the other departments but the sentiment of the Engineers, the Law School and the School of Education is favorable to this plan.

**Would Bring Alumni Back.**  
If this plan is put into effect, instead of having the stunts scattered throughout the school year there will be one grand carnival week in which there will be no classes. The students will be in a position to enjoy to the utmost these stunts. The parents of

the seniors and the visiting friends will have an opportunity to see the brighter side of college life, instead of a week of uninteresting inactivity as it has been in the past. The students will make a special effort to have their friends visit the University at this time, and it will thus serve as one of the great advertisements for the University. But to the alumni it will be of chief concern in that they will have an opportunity not only to return and participate in their department's stunt but also meet students of their day. As it is, more Farmers and Engineers come back to see Farmers' Fair and St. Patrick's Day than come back to the commencement exercises.

If class reunions are properly organized, this plan will give a nucleus around which Missouri can undoubtedly build the best commencement exercises of any school in the West.

It is further planned to obtain an immense tent with a seating capacity of at least five thousand persons, which will be placed between the columns and Academic Hall, to accommodate the large crowd which it is anticipated will be in attendance during the week.

### Abolish Class Day.

Under this plan Class Day exercises together with the Senior Play will be abolished. However, Commencement Day, the Senior Ball and the President's Reception probably will be given as much time as they have in the past. This will take much of the work off the seniors and enable them to enjoy the week with the rest of the students, since it is planned to excuse all seniors from examinations.

N. T. Gentry, vice-president of the Alumni Association, has promised to take the matter up with the Executive Committee of the association as soon as the plan is officially adopted by the students and faculty.

Alumnus, what do you think of this plan?

It is of as much concern to you as to anyone. Will you be willing to help make it a success by returning to your Alma Mater at a time when the students are all here with an opportunity of participating in your department's stunt and meeting friends of by-gone days?

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## SAW ITS BIG NIGHT SCHOOL

Inspection of Kansas City's Educational System by E. B. Cauthorn.

Kansas City has an efficient school system according to E. B. Cauthorn, principal of the Columbia High School, who spent Monday and Tuesday visiting the high schools there. He was especially attracted by the social center work that the city is doing in connection with Westport High School, which, he believes, is the best high school in the Missouri valley, excepting Soldan High School in St. Louis.

The night school of the social center in Westport has an enrollment of 2,500 for this year. However, the present enrollment is 1,500, and the average attendance about 700. The low percentage of attendance and the low present enrollment, as compared to the enrollment for the year, is due to the fact that the students are working people and are not able to attend regularly. Many of them are not able to stay in school but a short time before they move away or their work is changed so that they cannot keep up their school work.

The work that is done in this department is principally industrial instruction. The young men are taught to be electricians, mechanics—in fact, most all the trades are taught there.

In this department the foreigners are taught English. Mr. Cauthorn said that he saw a large class of foreign students studying English. About fifty teachers from the city schools teach in the night school.

Monday a party from Uruguay, South America, were visiting the school of Kansas City. Most of the city schools in the United States will be visited before the party returns to South America.

### E. B. Horn of Moberly Visits Here.

E. B. Horn, train dispatcher for the Wabash at Moberly, returned this morning after visiting his grandmother a few days. Mr. Horn began his railroad work at Columbia.

### DeKalb County Visitors Return.

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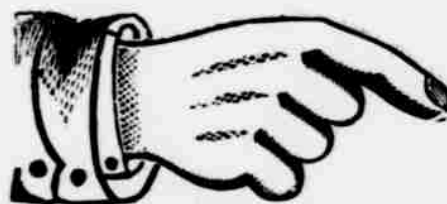
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